

## CUMMINGS

Hands Hard Jolt to Slanders  
of Our Catholic Soci-  
eties.

Charges Brought Forth From  
Diseased Minds of Insane  
Bigotry.

Their Ritual a Positive Pledge of  
Unswerving Loyalty to  
State.

## OATHS, IMAGES AND THE BIBLE

This week we make place for another installment of Dr. Charles Cummings' letter to a bigot in Brann's Iconoclast, showing how ridiculous and untruthful are the ravings of Rev. Teddy Walker and the Menace. Disposing of a number of palpable lies pertaining to the murder of our Presidents, Dr. Cummings writes Mr. DeWald:

And oaths, the Jesuit oaths, Knights of Columbus oaths, priests' oaths, and fifty-seven other varieties of oaths, all inventions pure and simple, begotten and brought forth from the diseased minds of insane bigotry. But you say ex-priest Seguin swears there is such an oath? Well this superannuated Kenunk was kicked out because he was a liar and unfit to be a priest. His only occupation now is the exclusive one of speaking and writing lies and selling them for bread. A man of his character and conscience does well to go the limit and swear to his lies. I wonder, however, that bread and butter contaminated in such a foul manner do not give the "reverend father" an infernal attack of acute indigestion from ptomaine poison.

Dear Mr. DeWald, there are no such oaths; simply solemn obligations. If you doubt me, write to any Jesuit or Catholic paper and they will send you a copy of the obligation taken. Why, sir, the thing is so liberal that the reverend father might take it if he had the fitness, qualification or conscience. Being as barren and bereft of these qualifications as the Sahara desert of moisture, I don't think Ted will come our way just yet.

This Knights of Columbus oath is of recent invention. The poor, little, old Jesuit oath has been around these American "digins" for well nigh, if not more, than a hundred years. Out at elbow and knee, fatherless, friendless and deserted, it has at last found a home in the office of the Menace. Dressed up in new twentieth century togs, it is now, with its little brother, the Knights of Columbus oath, again started around the world.

If I should publish a story to the effect that two horse thieves, the Rev. Theodore C. Walker, editor of the Menace, and the Hon. Tom Watson, editor of the Jeffersonian, stole a horse in New York City on July 4, 1913, and if the next day this combination of reverence and honor proved conclusively that the one was in Georgia and the other in Arizona, that would be clear to all thinking people that they could not have stolen the horse. Now if I, regardless of their proof to the contrary, kept right on publishing the story that they did steal the horse, I would be doing exactly what these vile publications are doing with those oaths and other slanders. The only difference would be that mine would be a tangible personal slander leaving me amenable to the law, while their slander is a vague non-personal one, and they know it is difficult if not impossible to reach them by law.

The ritual of the Knights of Columbus is much similar to that of other orders. It is a Catholic social and insurance order. If every word of the ritual, or any other work of the order, written or unwritten, were published, there would not be a word or a sentence to give offense to anyone. There is, furthermore, throughout every degree of the order a ringing and positive pledge of unswerving loyalty to State.

And the worship of images and idols, Mr. DeWald? The Catholic church was virtually born with the birth of our Saviour, and is just the same today as she was when she stood in that lowly stable by the side of the mighty but humble babe. She was, is, and ever shall be the "rock" against which the gates of hell may rattle, but shall not prevail. Worship idols, did you say? Why, my dear Mr. DeWald, the Catholic church received her holy inspirations from the lips of our Saviour Himself, and single handed and alone she battled down the very citadel of paganism and crushed their idols for all times to come. Images and statues? Why, the thing is also very plain. It does not matter whether the image or statue is made of modest clay, or the most precious of gems, the ruby, they are but simple reminders of that for which they stand. If you desired a favor of our honored President, you would not only petition him, but you would also petition those nearest and dearest to him, with the hope that they might intercede with him for you. Catholics do not pray or worship the image or statue, but they ask the intercession of the one the image or statue recalls to their mind.

And Catholics are forbidden to read the Bible, Mr. DeWald? Not alone do these disreputable publications make these ridiculous accusations, but intelligent ministers hurl the lie in the face of their congregations. If they are taken to task they squirm and quote you encyclopaedias to prove their statements. Now if they would give the meaning and purpose of the self-same encyclopaedias it would ring far differently on the hearts and minds of their hearers. The Catholic church is the very author of the Bible. She stood at the feet of our Saviour Himself and took careful note and record of his holy words. She was with the apostles during their life and at their martyrdom, and accurately recorded and preserved the epistles, Father gathered together the fragments, molded them in one harmonious whole, and by the blood of her martyrs preserved them alone for fifteen centuries. Strange that she would now forbid companionship with the child of her own creation. The statement is a ridiculous, abortive untruth.

## FIGHTING PRIEST'S HEROISM

Father Philip J. Magrath, the "fighting priest," as he is called, who conducts the New York Catholic Seamen's Mission, is being congratulated on rescuing Mrs. John J. Gunther, wife of a German florist, from a watery grave at Woodland Beach, Staten Island. Father Magrath, beloved of the sailors and longshoremen of the city, went to West Brighton to visit Father Rudolph Mantell, of St. Vincent's Hospital. The two clergymen decided to take a trolley ride through the country. Then the suggestion was made that they go to Woodland Beach for a swim. They were late in reaching the beach and the water was about cleared of bathers. The two priests swam out to a rudely constructed diving post fifty yards from shore. After they had been in the water about fifteen minutes, Father Mantell called out to his companion that he was going in to dress. The latter replied that he wanted a few more dives before concluding his bath. It was from this vantage point on the diving post that Father Magrath saw Mrs. Gunther signal frantically with her arms for aid as a strong undertow carried her out. She said later that she was so frightened she was hoarse of speech. The priest plunged in and with powerful strokes quickly covered the seventy-five feet that separated them. Quick as was his action, however, he did not reach the woman until she had gone down once. Mrs. Gunther is able to swim, but she is a big woman, and had become exhausted breathing the tide, which was at ebb at the time. The priest held her up, uttering reassuring words between strokes for help, until three campers from "Bunahack City" returning home in their boat, rowed to the spot. Then the two were pulled into the boat and taken ashore. All the New York daily papers urge a hero fund medal for the heroic priest.

## GOOD WOMAN DIES.

Another sterling Catholic woman has passed to her reward in the person of Mrs. Anna Mary Schmitt, the aged and saintly mother of Rev. Father Engelbert Schmitt, chaplain of the convent of the Good Shepherd. She was born in Germany, but for sixty years she had made Louisville her home, and since his ordination living with her son. Love of religion and the love of God were impressed upon her heart in early childhood, so that during her whole life she was faithful to her church, her family and friends. In secret Mrs. Schmitt was ever ready to assist any worthy charity. The poor never appealed to her in vain and to assist the work for the orphans was a pleasure for her. This truly Christian spirit of living she constantly strove to instill into the hearts of her friends and acquaintances, not only by example but also by frequent exhortation and beseeching, evidently not in vain. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from St. Boniface church with a solemn high mass of requiem celebrated by Father Schmitt, assisted by many of his brother priests. Many old friends followed the remains to St. Louis where, where they will rest until the resurrection.

## RECEIVED CATHOLIC ATHLETES.

According to Associated Press reports the streets of Rome were guarded Sunday by police, carabinieri and troops from the Church of St. John Lateran, where the Catholic athletes heard mass, to St. Peter's, to which edifice they marched to be received by the Pope. A great parade that had been planned was prohibited by the police on account of threatened reprisals by the anti-clericals. Notwithstanding the strictest measures to insure order, a few scuffles occurred amid cries from the Catholics of "Long live the Pope!" to which the anti-clericals responded by shouting, "Long live free thinking!"

Four hours were occupied by the athletes in reaching St. Peter's, where they unfurled flags and passed into the Court of San Damaso. They knelt when the Pope appeared on the balcony surrounded by the Pontifical court. The athletes, priests and others in the assembly numbered 8,000, and after the apostolic benediction had been imparted they arose and gave a triple hurrah. The Pontiff inquired regarding the obstacles which had been placed in the way of the demonstration and urged extreme prudence.

The Osservatore Romano publishes an article protesting against the prohibition of the parade, which it considers an offense to the liberty of Catholics, and urges the athletes, especially "the sons of free America," to describe at home "the species of liberty and independence which the Italian laws give the Holy See."

## LAST ECHO

Passing of the Old Irish Street  
Singer and the Reason  
Therefor.

Decay of the Ballad Due to the  
Intellectual Progress in  
Ireland.

Rev. Father Cotter Remembers  
Bygone and Happy  
Bards.

## WHICH WERE HAPPIER DAYS

The Rev. Father Cotter, of the Catholic Union and Times, expresses himself both surprised and pleased to see a long dissertation on Irish ballad singers in the Literary Digest of recent date. It was occasioned by an article in T. P.'s Weekly (London) by a young Irish poet, Padraic Colum. With a love for all things traditional in his old Ireland, Colum bemoans the passing of the street singer and clearly gives the reason therefor. He dates the decay of the ballad to intellectual progress in Ireland, as men now read the papers and do not merely hear their subject in street song. As the illiterate crowd has disappeared, so also has departed their source of information, the ballad, whose theme was some current question of vital moment to the common people. And still the ballad singer is to be found; not in the towns indeed, as of yore, but today in the country, to which the news of the world travels slowly. He flourishes far from the railroad and steamboat, whose puffing smother his vocation. We remember, when we were a boy, the attentive ear that was given his song by the little inland village which looked out on the south and our yearnings. If the popular parish priest had returned from Rome, the ballad singer was up and off with his inspirations. Here is a sample of one of his complete songs to a popular air, that one time thrilled us:

"You're welcome home,  
You're one of our own,  
You're Father Dan O'Leary."

On these lines the singer dwelt long and lovingly in repetition, much to the delight of the rustic devotees of His Reverence, whose fame for the nonce was secure.

During the Franco-Prussian war we well remember the munificence with which the singer was rewarded when he inflamed our hearts with the stanza applauding the fruitless prowess of poor France against the adamant of the German forces—

"A dozen times  
They charged their lines."  
We were ready then, with many another heroic youth, to hie to the land where the attractive name of McMahon wore the sword of a field marshal.

When the singer is a woman, maybe with a child on her arm, all the chivalry of Ireland bestows upon her the pennies of the poor and the brave of generous temperaments.

The ballad singer is the last echo of ancient times, when bards and chiefs led in shaping Erin's destiny—the one with what Homer would call the "warbling wire," the other with the unsullied sword of bravery. We give our fond farewell to the singer's ballad which, if it did naught else, pronounced the poetry of Ireland's character that literally sang to the people the prosaic themes of the last of the bards, has gone and now there is fast disappearing the feeble emulator, the street singer, with his improvised verse, having "all the wild freshness of morning" and all the pure passion of a scholarly and stately verse. We are often prompted to ask which were the happier days—those slow hours of other times or these swift merry-go-rounds of nineteen thirteen?

Napoleon, we believe it was, who would prefer rather to be the subject of the ballad's sentiments than to be the framer of a people's laws, for after all sentiment is a molder far firmer than the ideas of legislation.

All the poets love the ballad. Longfellow voices the many when he says, in Hyperion, "I have a passion for ballads. They are the eyes of children of song, born under green hedges and in the leafy lanes and by-ways of literature in the genial summer-time."

In bidding the ballad singer farewell, we are shaking hands with the inheritor of the great days of old. He is as far from the conception of Scott's desolate minstrel

"Whose harp, his sole remaining joy,  
Was carried by an orphan boy," as it is possible to conceive, for the most happy-go-lucky youth of Ireland has followed the devious ways of the ballad singer, improvising for his night's lodging and, with the lark, giving a carol for a breakfast.

## LEPER MARTYR.

The Foreign Missionary Seminary at Maryknoll, Ossining, N. Y., has received word from Rangoon, Lower Burma, of the death of Father Edward Rutard, a leper martyr. Father Rutard was stricken about nine years ago. After a residence of thirteen years on the mission he had been allowed to return to France, and while conversing with his sister, a Madame of the Sacred Heart now in this country, he discovered for the first time the fatal spots on the back of his hand. He immediately returned to Burma without visiting his family to say good-bye. The disease, occasionally retarded, gained gradually until the end, the heroic priest offering himself as the victim for his own soul's welfare and for the salvation of those to whom he had been sent. His mother died some years ago with no knowledge of her son's affliction.

## PROGRESSIVES

Indignant That Their Meagre  
Attended Meetings Are  
Observed.

Herald Political Editor Preparing  
to Avoid the Avail-  
ance.

Progressive Organ Sore at Pub-  
lic For Exhibiting Choice  
in Windows.

## HAAGER'S CANVASSERS BUSY

The local readers of the Louisville Herald were treated the past week to more sickening efforts of this foreign owned sheet to aid the misfit Progressive ticket by an attack on members of the Detective department, who it is claimed were spying on the large mass meetings (average attendance, seventy-four) being held at the Walnut street rendezvous of the Bull Moose, the Herald also being very indignant at the idea of their noble leader and meal ticket, Wood Axton, being spied on while playing solitaire in his apartments, accusing Detectives Condie, Spahn, Enright and Hogan of keeping the head Bull Moose under their surveillance. Duncan Clark, who guides the political destinies of the Bull Moose organ in addition to his job as co-dictator with Burton Vance and W. W. Davies in the management of the local Progressives, will shake the dust of Louisville off his feet after the November election, and it is rumored has been given free reign by the Herald's out-of-town owner to pursue the out-barging policy adopted until his departure. If the town suffers from the injurious policy of depicting Louisville as a wicked city our friend Duncan won't be here to suffer his part of the injury.

Along the same line the Herald states that anyone having a picture of Dr. Buschmeyer, the Democratic nominee for Mayor, in his or her window can be put down as a city employee and that they have been coerced into exhibiting their preference this way, but does not explain why there are over 15,000 pictures in windows and only about 1,000 employees on the city payroll. The logic being inconsistent to say the least. Speaking of picture displays, the Herald failed to note the meeting of A. P. A.'s held here this past week when a resolution was adopted placing a fine of \$2 on any member of this underground dark lantern society who failed to place the picture of Axton, their leader, in their windows, and that a resolution was adopted by this same crew urging the A. P. A. sheet, the Menace, to discontinue its assistance in arousing religious prejudice in the coming campaign. The observant Herald reporter also failed to note the remark of the Junior Order member from the Eighth precinct of the Eleventh ward, who remarked that any member of his lodge who votes the Democratic ticket will be unceremoniously fired from their ranks.

## HENDERSON.

Last Sunday at Henderson the Rev. John Albert Fowler, ordained here by the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue, celebrated his first mass in the Holy Name church, of which Dean Edward Lynch is pastor. The church was thronged with friends of the newly ordained priest, and the Rev. Benedict Hanley, C. P., delivered one of the most forceful and eloquent sermons ever heard in this diocese. Father Fowler spent the last eleven years in study at St. Meinrad's Benedictine Abbey in Indiana, and his spiritual retreat before his ordination was made at the Passionist Monastery on the Newburgh road.

The Bishop conferred minor and subdeaconic orders on the young levite, who on Wednesday was made deacon and on Thursday was raised to the holy priesthood, many relatives and friends attending the solemn ceremonies. Among the clergy who assisted the Bishop were the Very Rev. James P. Cronin, the Rev. Patrick Monaghan and the Rev. Patrick Felten. Father Fowler has been assigned to St. Jerome's church, at Fancy Farm, where he will be assistant to the Rev. Father Heasley.

## JOLILITY AT MACKIN.

There will be jollity and good fellowship unbounded Monday night at Mackin Council, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of that splendid and successful Catholic youth men's organization. The meeting Monday night was well attended, but the time was mostly taken up with the plans and arrangements for the celebration, which will be made memorable in many ways. The programme includes a social session and musical entertainment, with short addresses by Rev. Francis Felten, Grand Chaplain of the Atlantic jurisdiction, and Attorney Robert T. Burke, just elected Grand President. After the foregoing there will be a genuine and bounteous Dutch luncheon, to which all the members have been invited. It is also intimated that there will be some most pleasing surprises.

## KNIGHTS WILL PARADE.

Louisville Council, K. of C., decided at the meeting held Wednesday night to march in a body in the Perry centennial flambeau parade on the night of September 30. Its thousand members in line headed by Col. P. H. Callahan, Grand Knight of the council, and his aides, Messrs. C. W. Decker and T. B. Leahy, on horseback, will make a splendid showing. Louisville Knights have always been in the forefront of patriotic celebrations in local circles, and the recent Fourth of July presentation of the signing of the Declaration of Independence excited national interest. The idea of having the fraternal organizations represented in the coming parade originated with the Knights of Columbus when they tendered their assistance to the Centennial Executive Committee as an organization and as individuals several weeks ago.

## HELP HOME RULE.

News is going the rounds of the press that the English home rulers have started a movement to purchase the furniture of the old House of Commons for presentation to the new Irish Parliament. This would indicate that Ireland's victory is complete and is another black eye for Carson and his Ulster Orange followers.

## SHOWS NERVE.

George Beck, whose questionable conduct led to his arrest last April, has sued Sergeant Jerry Quill and Otto Spies, of the local police force, for \$2,000 damages, alleging false arrest. Beck charges that he was arrested and confined in the police station, charged with vagrancy. Because he escaped without a fine he brings the suit for \$2,000.

## CONTRAST

How Labor Sunday Was Cele-  
brated in New York  
City.

Cardinal Farley Quits Vacation  
to Preside at Evening  
Service.

Social Question Is More Than  
That of Hours and  
Wages.

## DUTY AND DIGNITY OF LABOR

In striking contrast with the Sunday Labor day observance in Louisville, noted in our last issue, was that in New York City, and thus described by the daily press:

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Cardinal Farley, quitting his vacation at West End, N. Y., presided at a special evening service for workmen last Sunday, to which came delegates of many Catholic societies and 3,000 representatives of labor unions. The Right Rev. Denis J. McMahon, who has charge of Catholic charities, delivered the sermon.

"The duty, dignity and conditions of labor," said Mons. McMahon, "are shown from Scripture and history. The dignity is shown by the Saviour's assumption of the workman's life until his thirtieth year. The apostles and saints of the church, as well as the religious orders who proclaim 'to labor is to pray,' were often of the laboring class."

"We in this country shed much blood in a civil war to uphold the honor of labor by making all men free to engage therein."

"Man, according to St. Paul, must labor with his whole soul, that is with intelligence, conscience and affection. Hence slowly work is like a lie before God and man."

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The Rev. Martin O'Connor and his people are arranging for a most noteworthy celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of St. Michael's church, Brook street, between Market and Jefferson, on Sunday, September 28. The celebration will begin with a low mass at 7:30 in the morning. Solemn high mass will be sung at 10 o'clock when the musical programme will be presented by the choir, directed by the leading singers of the city. An inspiring feature of this service will be the procession of the Blessed Virgin and Sacred Heart Sodality and the children, who will sing the sublime hymn to St. Michael. The celebration will close with solemn vespers and benediction at 7:30 in the evening, when the blessing of the silver staff of St. Joseph, the donation of Mrs. Annie Dattilo, will take place. One of the most eloquent of the Passionist fathers will preach at both services. For all friends of St. Michael's and old members everywhere there will be a cordial welcome at these impressive services. Father O'Connor has done wonderful work for this parish, which owed \$12,055 when he took charge. Besides paying for many improvements, this has been reduced to \$2,700, and for their faithful assistance the zealous priest feels grateful to every member of his congregation.

## LOUISVILLE TOURISTS.

The large number of Louisville people who have been touring Europe for some time, returned last week. In Paris last week included Col. Marion Taylor and wife, who passed the summer in Norway, Sweden and Russia; Miss L. C. Greenup, who is now at Troyville; Mr. and Mrs. William Richter, who were en route to Dinard; and Miss Mary Brannigan, Miss C. S. Butler, Mrs. Hampden Falls, Miss M. Keenan, S. W. Marx, George Marx, W. A. Thompson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Mrs. Henry William Blanc and Misses Maude and Adele Blanc. Among the Louisville visitors to Amsterdam during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Halderman, who passed through on their way to Rotterdam, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Fox, who are touring through the Low Countries, have arrived from Arnhem for a short stay.

## JOE HINES HURT.

Joseph P. Hines, the star catcher of the Shamrock baseball team of the Twin City League, suffered a broken ankle last Sunday in sliding into a base and will be laid up for four or five weeks, according to Dr. A. R. Blot, who attended him. An unfortunate phase of the accident was that he had purchased a ticket for New York and intended to leave Sunday evening for a tour of the East on a five weeks' vacation, but "Cheerful Joe" accepts his bad luck philosophically and is now busy entertaining his many callers.

## FILLS GOVERNOR'S CHAIR.

Lieut. Gov. Edward J. McDeremott has been acting Governor this week, while Gov. McCreary has been attending the Perry centennial celebration on Lake Erie and at Put-in-Bay, where he responded to the toast, "Kentucky in the War of 1812," at the banquet on Tuesday night. Gov. McDeremott's administration of affairs while occupying the executive chair has given Statewide satisfaction, which points to him as our next Governor.

## GREAT CARDINAL DEAD.

Cardinal Joseph Calasanzotus Vives y Tuto, Prefect of the Congregation for Religious Affairs, died in Rome on Sunday. Recently he had undergone an operation for appendicitis. Cardinal Vives y Tuto was born at San Andrea de Llevaneras, diocese of Barcelona, in 1854. He was created and proclaimed Cardinal June 19, 1899. Early in the summer it was reported the Cardinal had become insane, but later physicians diagnosed his case as neurasthenia, and he retired to a monastery. The Cardinal acquired a prominent position at the Vatican after the election of Pope Pius X., and had even been considered as a probable candidate for the succession. The Pope was deeply affected when told of the Cardinal's death, and exclaimed: "I have lost one of my best friends, the church one of its greatest supports."

## Social Question Is More Than That of Hours and Wages.

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## HOERTZ-BUSATH.

The wedding of Miss Adelaide E. Hoertz and Edgar Busath was solemnized Wednesday morning at the rectory of St. Mary Magdalene church. The Rev. Dr. William Gauspohl performed the ceremony in the presence of the two families and a few chosen friends. Miss Lillian Busath was maid of honor and Henry Hoertz was best man. Mrs. Al. Barrett, sister of the bride, sang "Oh, Promise Me," prior to the ceremony. Mrs. Fred Harig presiding at the organ. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoertz.

The bride wore a traveling suit of cloth with a hat to match, and carried pink bride's roses. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Busath left for Canada, and upon their return, October 20, will be at home at Ruechel. They have a host of friends and acquaintances who wish them a long life of happiness and bliss.

## TEACHERS PLEASED.

The teachers in the local Catholic parochial schools and academies are highly pleased with this year's enrollment of pupils. The number of children attending is larger than ever before and a most successful educational year is foreshadowed. Parents have evidently heeded the advice of their pastors and show a desire for the religious instruction of their children.